

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-3 and 5-19 are rejected, and claim 4 is objected to as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In response to the rejection of claims 1-3 and 5-19, the subject matter of claim 4 (including the subject matter of claim 3 which claim 4 depends from) is incorporated in independent claim 1. Claims 3 and 4 are canceled.

Also, Applicant has amended claim 12 and the corresponding disclosure in the specification to correct an inadvertent error whereby "meg/g" was inadvertently set forth and has been changed to "meq/g".

In view of the above, withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of claims 1-2 and 5-19 are earnestly solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

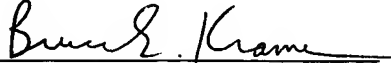
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